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_____ the following numbers of empty railroad cars
were dispatched abroad in October 1953:

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1,901 boxcars (grain shuttle cars)
2,585 gondola cars (for ore)
27 flatcars (possibly for iron)
450 refrigerator cars (for meat and butter)
26,765 cars (for coal)
63 refrigerator cars (for beer)
9 refrigerator cars (for fruit and vegetables)

Poland
Czechoslovakia
Hungary

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1. Comment. As compared with September, the present report indicates that the number of boxcars dispatched to the USSR for grain shipments increased by 150 percent; the number of cars for ore shipments decreased by 50 percent; the number of refrigerator cars for butter and meat imports increased by 200 percent. Previous information indicated that a total of 214 loaded refrigerator cars entered East Germany from the USSR. Therefore, most of the cars mentioned in the present report will return loaded in November. [redacted] The flatcars were probably scheduled to carry rails from the USSR. A shipment of 12 RRvm type flatcars with rails was observed at Frankfurt/Oder in late October. [redacted]. The number of freight cars dispatched to Poland for hard coal imports increased by 50 percent. During October, 38 and 3 loaded refrigerator cars entered East Germany from Czechoslovakia and Hungary respectively. [redacted]

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